

Remarks

The Office Action dated September 10, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-10 and 15-20 are pending in this application. Claims 11-14 stand rejected. Claims 11-14 have been cancelled. Claims 1-10 and 15-20 are allowed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2007, for the above-identified patent application from December 10, 2007, through and including March 10, 2008. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$1050.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

The rejection of Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nusbickel et al. (US 3,616,684) in view of Dow (US 4,785,816) is respectfully traversed.

Claim 11 has been canceled.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the Section 103(a) rejection of Claim 11 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nusbickel et al. (US 3,616,684) in view of Dow (US 4,785,816), and further in view of Johnson (US 6,332,011) is respectfully traversed.

Claims 12-14 has been canceled.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the Section 103(a) rejection of Claims 12-14 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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